



WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Report for the month of JANUARY, 1945.

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This report gives the latest available figures relative to Population; Marriages, Births and Deaths in the Metropolitan Area; Land Settlement; State Government Revenue and Expenditure; Savings Banks; Bank Clearances; Real Estate Transactions; Sales Tax; Companies Registered and Bankruptcy; Government Railway Operations; Motor Vehicle Registrations; Building Permits; Butter Production; Gold Output and Dividends Reported; Prices; Employment; and Electricity Supply (Metropolitan Area).

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POPULATION

The population of the State on the 31st December, 1944, was estimated to be 488,500.

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - METROPOLITAN AREA.
(Compiled according to Place of Residence).

NOTE: Particulars relative to deaths refer to civilians only.

			JANUARY		12 months ended	
			1945	1944	December 1944	December 1943
Marriages	..	No.	217	195	2,973	2,943
Births	..	No.	454	519	5,912	5,732
Deaths	..	No.	229	220	2,735	2,845
Infant Mortality		No.	11	12	174	170
" "		Rate per 1000 live births	24.23	23.12	29.43	29.66
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH -</u>						
Tuberculosis			9	6	86	76
Cancer			29	34	366	369
Influenza			-	-	3	5
Diphtheria			2	1	14	15
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.			24	20	267	276
Arteriosclerosis			10	7	125	106
Diseases of the Heart			58	51	692	758
Pneumonia and Broncho-Pneumonia			11	13	187	165
Diarrhoea and Enteritis			3	3	28	35
Nephritis			11	4	86	117
Diseases of Early Infancy			8	9	103	105
Senility			6	8	113	133
Accidents			10	15	128	129
All Other Causes			48	49	537	556
TOTAL			229	220	2,735	2,845

See Overleaf

LAND SETTLEMENT.

Land taken up under conditional alienation during January, 1945, totalled 19,273 acres, a decrease of 3,060 acres on the corresponding month last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 713,261 acres, a decrease of 315,430 acres.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

	Month of January		7 months ended January	
	1945 £.	1944 £.	1945 £.	1944 £.
Revenue ..	1,257,932	1,203,991	7,946,486	7,463,982
Revenue per Head of Population	£2.11.6d.	£2.9.11d.	£16.6.3d.	£15.10.2d.
Expenditure ..	1,190,692	1,193,449	8,022,881	7,831,156
Expenditure per Head of Population	£2. 8.9d.	£2.9.5d.	£16.9.4d.	£16. 5.5d.

SAVINGS BANKS.

Deposits on the 31st January 1945, amounted to £29,325,444, or £59.19.5d. per head of population, as against £22,957,553, or £47.10.8d. per head as at the 31st January last year.

BANK CLEARANCES.

The average weekly clearances for the 4 weeks ended 29th January, 1945, amounted to £3,065,855, compared with £2,969,164 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds			January		7 months ended January	
			1945	1944	1945	1944
Transfers	..	(No. {£.	767 285,651	482 217,389	5,884 2,337,243	4,238 1,735,601
Mortgages	..	(No. {£.	225 171,287	128 88,109	1,592 1,514,012	1,222 885,340
Discharges of Mortgages		No.	390	406	3,251	3,300

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE & EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED.

Month of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods £.	Tax Collected £.
	Sales in respect of which tax is payable (Gross)	Sales in respect of which tax is NOT payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.		
1944 - January	815,481	760,153	1,632,321	115,124
February	511,892	668,699	1,352,838	112,406
March	677,720	712,843	1,444,480	103,665
April	770,416	566,513	1,627,139	116,197
May	683,010	571,025	1,510,170	115,254
June	755,542	590,549	1,638,830	112,306
July	706,185	668,445	1,897,871	110,856
August	813,398	663,749	1,448,938	118,491
September	926,471	805,080	1,545,195	110,574
October	1,099,405	509,349	1,394,583	116,416
November	874,649	771,898	1,622,266	112,531
December	712,619	567,240	1,395,211	112,383
1945 - January	808,314	604,283	1,708,485	128,267

COMPANIES REGISTERED

Five Local Companies, with a nominal capital of £18,500, and six foreign companies were registered for the seven months ended 31st January, 1945. For the corresponding period last year there were two local companies, with a nominal capital of £10,100, and seven foreign companies registered.

BANKRUPTCY.

	7 months ended January					
	1945			1944		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	2	3,257	2,046	3	2,647	1,967
Deeds of Assignment (a)	1	672	1,016	—	—	—
Deeds of Arrangement	—	—	—	—	—	—

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT.

The operations of the State Government Railways open for general and passenger traffic were as follow :—

	DECEMBER		Six months ended December	
	1944	1943	1944	1943
Gross Earnings £.	355,400	373,600	2,219,100	2,210,100
Working Expenses £.	293,704	313,890	1,855,199	1,936,151
Train miles run	517,674	525,141	3,161,499	3,058,735
Passenger Journeys	1,550,930	1,605,715	9,085,505	9,193,631
Tonnage carried —				
Paying Goods	207,831	182,157	1,399,950	1,107,717
Livestock	11,229	11,875	79,422	87,079
Departmental (Free Freight)	42,603	36,550	262,494	227,105
Total	261,663	230,582	1,741,866	1,421,901
Net Ton Mileage of —				
Paying Goods	22,922,464	22,391,436	152,804,797	133,364,428
Livestock	1,355,587	1,341,636	8,859,562	10,546,337
Departmental (Free Freight)	6,356,045	5,485,649	38,576,544	34,815,503
Total	30,634,096	29,218,721	200,240,903	178,726,268

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED (excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles).

Period	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year								
1944	23	310	5	35	28	803	9	93
1944 -								
January	1	22	3	1	2	78	3	4
February	1	28	-	2	1	70	2	3
March	2	31	-	-	3	89	-	2
April	-	30	-	-	1	91	-	4
May	-	41	1	-	1	108	2	3
June	-	45	1	5	-	86	2	7
July	7	33	-	14	7	97	-	21
August	-	23	-	-	1	44	-	32
Sept.	2	17	-	2	2	41	-	3
October	3	16	-	-	3	37	-	1
November	1	11	-	-	1	36	-	1
December	6	13	-	11	6	26	-	12
1945 -								
January	5	8	-	12	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS).
(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles).

Date (as at end of month)	METROPOLITAN AREA				ENTIRE STATE			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1944 -								
January	17,707	5,290	229	2,465	29,017	20,253	276	3,902
February	17,904	5,399	230	2,557	29,727	21,185	280	4,103
March	17,916	5,401	230	2,558	29,887	21,425	280	4,151
April	18,038	5,490	230	2,592	29,991	21,664	274	4,234
May	18,126	5,567	231	2,629	30,273	22,117	276	4,308
June	18,133	5,578	231	2,639	30,295	22,183	276	4,324
July	17,507	5,872	243	2,209	28,835	20,926	295	3,387
August	17,729	6,006	244	2,341	29,464	21,879	296	3,712
Sept.	17,732	6,013	244	2,343	29,596	22,177	296	3,771
October	17,934	6,168	244	2,431	29,613	22,436	293	3,903
November	18,076	6,243	246	2,489	30,002	22,837	295	4,009
December	18,083	6,244	246	2,491	30,048	22,946	296	4,031
1945 -								
January	18,135	6,305	242	2,543	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not yet available.

(3) COMMONWEALTH-OWNED VEHICLES (excluding Defence Service Vehicles)

	Cars	Wagons, Vans, etc.	Buses	Motor Cycles
1944 - DECEMBER	89	304	4	5

BUILDING ACTIVITY.(1) PERMITS ISSUED IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA.

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
JANUARY, 1945	65	50,580	-	-	111	19,171	176	69,751
JANUARY, 1944	9	4,570	3	880	46	6,051	58	11,501
7 months ended January, 1945	274	182,896	9	11,393	668	134,815	951	329,104
7 months ended January, 1944	41	21,166	11	12,736	486	71,463	538	105,365

(2) PERMITS ISSUED IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS.
 (15 Local Government Authorities)

Period	New Dwellings and Hotels		Stores, Warehouses, Factories, etc.		Additions and Alterations		Total Permits Issued	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
JANUARY, 1945	13	11,226	2	810	30	1,111	45	13,147
JANUARY, 1944	2	157	-	-	6	464	8	621
7 months ended January, 1945	41	28,029	8	2,296	162	10,602	211	40,927
7 months ended January, 1944	14	3,995	6	1,715	95	4,290	115	10,000

BUTTER PRODUCTION IN FACTORIES.

1,300,567 lbs. were produced during December, 1944, and 9,531,448 lbs. for the six months ended December, 1944, as against 1,420,798 lbs. and 10,938,526 lbs. respectively for the corresponding periods last year.

GOLD PRODUCTION.

		JANUARY		12 months ended December	
		1945	1944	1944	1943
Quantity	Fine Oz.	41,508	36,796	466,264	546,475
Value (Australian Currency)	£.	439,985	384,521	4,900,001	5,710,669

Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies for the month of January 1945 amounted to £31,250, as against £140,000 for the corresponding month last year.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base, weighted average of six capital cities for 1923/27 = 1000).

	JANUARY		7 months ended January	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Food and Groceries:				
Metropolitan Area	1051	1051	1057	1053
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1173	1168	1184	1170
Northam	1060	1051	1067	1060
Bunbury	1033	1024	1039	1025
Geraldton	1073	1090	1090	1095

EMPLOYMENT INDEX SERIES.

Month	FACTORIES (Base: 1928/29 (19,799 Employees) = 100)				RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS (b) (Base: July 1941 (9,578 Employees) = 1000).			
	1941	1942	1943(a)	1944(a)	1941	1942	1943	1944
January	109	116	128	135	-	1014	865	826
February	111	118	130	135	-	986	861	824
March	112	118	132	135	-	962	846	825
April	111	118	134	136	-	955	835	827
May	112	119	134	135	-	927	836	832
June	113	118	135	135	-	907	835	829
July	113	117	135(a)	136	1000	888	828	832
August	113	119	133	135	987	882	814	832
September	114	120	135	136	994	877	806	834
October	115	122	136	136	996	874	801	837
November	116	123	136	138	1016	873	814	851
December	118	124	134	138	1028	886	840	886

(a) Figures subsequent to June 1943 are preliminary and are based primarily on Pay Roll Tax Returns.

(b) Indexes computed by Commonwealth Statistician from Pay Roll Tax Returns.

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY - METROPOLITAN AREA.

(Generated by the W.A. Government Power Station)

	January		7 months ended January	
	1945	1944	1945	1944
Units Generated .. (1000 K.W.H.)	15,312	13,692	108,180	100,821
Units Sold .. (1000 K.W.H.)	13,383	11,874	91,420	86,558

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